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Dear Lowell:

Pursuant to the reclamation work ongoing at the Gold Strike Mine in Utah, I had a conversation last week with one of your staff, Wayne Hedburg, who advised me to contact you directly. At the outset, I must say that we appreciate the cooperation that your office has provided to accomplish the work done on the Gold Strike site. I know that a few impediments had to be overcome in order to work cooperatively within the financial constraints imposed by Dakota Mining's difficult position. Having got close to a conclusion on the site, the issue of post closure activity must be addressed.

I am sure that you are of the ongoing Chapter XI Bankruptcy of USMX and the impact on Dakota Mining. Should a successful reorganization be the eventual outcome and Dakota survival ensured we will be both able and committed to conducting the required post closure work at Gold Strike. I doubt that we will know this for at least another couple of months. In the meantime the Company has no funds to carry out any remaining work on the site or covering the remuneration of Doug Jensen, the only remaining Gold Strike employee who is overseeing the process.

Doug has informed me that he is willing to conduct the post closure work on a contract basis and has made a proposal to us in that regard. The main objective of this letter is to inquire if the State of Utah could enter into a post closure monitoring contract with Doug. In the event of Dakota's survival, we would be willing to assume these responsibilities but, as mentioned earlier, this will not be known for a while.

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I look forward to your response and please do not hesitate to call for further discussion  
(direct phone: 303 376-2723).

Sincerely,



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CC: Wayne Hedburg  
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